

Washington, Dc – Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-WI) today announced that the state of Wisconsin received \$81.6 million from the recently passed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The funds will allow state and local transportation authorities to repair and build Wisconsin's public transportation infrastructure.

"The passage of the Recovery package was a watershed moment for our country," said Congresswoman Moore. "The funding provided to the state of Wisconsin will make a difference to people in my district and in our community. Already we are seeing this bill beginning to yield benefits for the people of my district and the state of Wisconsin. We are living in very difficult economic times and the creation of jobs in our community has to be a priority."

The Recovery Act will provide funds to Wisconsin from the Federal Transit Administration to modernize existing rail systems, repair and replace aging buses and facilities, support public transportation in areas of populations less than 50,000 as well as supplement more densely populated urban area mass transit needs.

Of the \$81.6 million awarded nearly \$61.3 million will go towards urban area transit needs such as the replacement, overhaul and rebuilding of buses, construction of new passenger stops and rail tracks. Similarly, \$20 million will be allotted to rural and suburban areas to build and expand access to public transit.

"Building public transit is not only smart and good for our environment but it is good for our area, our workers, our businesses, and our local economy," said Congresswoman Moore. "The Recovery package is bringing jobs to our area and the fact that the people of the 4th Congressional district are already benefitting from the impact of the Recovery package is a testament to Congress' quick action on President Obama's vision."

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